

five saloons, so we got our lawyers to prepare three sets of remonstrances against each of the five applicants and then we got down to work to fight the saloon men and let me say it is a hard fight for the Christians of this state went to sleep and while they slept the saloon men built a very large wall around their accursed trade. We started in among the church members first and then went to the outside world. And between the two we got six hundred signers to our remonstrance against the saloons. We then handed them to our lawyers. They presented them to the court. The judge harkened to our petitions and granted no license in our town for another year. Praise God. Then the cry went out, "No saloons in Conemaugh this year," and when we heard it, Brother Koontz had just been home one week with us. If you had heard him shout and seen him laugh it would have done you good. And all the workers thanked God for such a victory over the devil and his works of his darkness. The saloon men put up a hard fight but thank God they lost. We are death on saloons here, which every child of God ought to be, for I am sure that Jesus never led a soldier of his into a bar room to drink.

Just as we were entering this fight we gave brother J. F. Koontz a call to be pastor for another year. He has accepted our call, but at the same meeting he asked leave to go and hold a revival meeting in the Altoona church as that church had asked him to come. Some were not very willing to let him go and some even wondered if the brotherhood thought we hired Brother Koontz for state evangelist. The reason was last year we were in our own special revival. The reason I put it this way is, we have always a revival here. We had a very hard fight with the saloons, and this time to let Brother Koontz go away when we needed him the most was hard to do but now we are glad we did let him go for 30 precious souls have found the Lord and we have no saloons. It is an old saying, "Many hands make light work." That is how we did. Our pastor worked at Altoona, we worked and prayed and our Father gave us victory. Brother Koontz is with us again and on Sunday evening, March 4, one precious soul came out on the Lord's side. Also on Mar. 11, two more young men came out on the Lord's side. Praise his dear name. We are raising money for the Washington church fund and praying our Father the required amount may be raised for we need a place to worship in when we visit our capital.

GILBERT NEILSON.

College Notes

The winter term closes this week with examinations.

The Theological class was photographed last week.

Both Literary societies held interesting meetings Friday evening, and adjourned till first week of next term.

Mrs. Kirk, of King's School of Oratory

has organized classes in Elocution and Physical Culture at the College.

Prof. Miller preached an instructive sermon to the students, Sunday, from Psalms 90:12, on the necessity of getting correct views of life, emphasizing the fact that the successful life must find its purpose and directing forces, not in transient and material things, but in the abiding and eternal interests, in character building and soul culture.

Rev. Mr. Williams of Indianapolis, conducted the chapel exercises Friday morning, and gave the students a short talk on Romanism, against the dangers of which he is traveling to inform and warn the people of the United States.

Last Thursday's lecture was a splendid inspiration to the students,—especially to those who are most interested in moral and literary themes. The subject was the "Divine Comedy," which the lecturer, Rev. Schoppe of this city, ranks among the world's four great masterpieces of religious literature, the others being the Book of Job, Tennyson's In Memoriam, and Shelly's Prometheus Unbound. The biography of the author of this poem, Dante, one of the world's four greatest poets, was given in a most helpful way. The inspiration of his life thru Beatrice, his lofty sense of divine justice and holiness, his heroic devotion to truth, freedom and righteousness, were all so portrayed as to stir the heart to a manlier struggle with evil and to a nobler striving upward toward the light of truth and God. Equally helpful were the lecturer's comments upon the teachings of the "Divine Comedy" itself, pointing out as they did, how it symbolizes the redemptive forces in human life, the struggle with and overcoming of sin, and the final attainment of Paradise thru divine inspiration.

At the close of his lecture, Rev. Schoppe expressed himself as being agreeably surprised at our excellent body of students, a large increase over that of last year. This is noticeable in all departments of College work, and especially in the classes, some of which are four times as large as those of last year. This is a matter of congratulation to all who are interested in the College, the church, and the larger interests of humanity. But this number is all too few, too few. There are hundreds of others who ought to be here, who ought to be enjoying these privileges, who ought to be getting that knowledge, discipline, and inspiration, which must be gotten somehow, somewhere, if their lives are to be more than a dreary commonplace, a dismal, inglorious failure.

Program of the Calif. District Conference to be held at Lathrop, Apr. 5, 6 and 7, 1900.

FIRST SESSION. THURSDAY 2, P. M.

Devotional exercises, by the chairman.
Address of welcome, J. Milo Wolfe.
Response by delegates.
Reading minutes of last conference.
Appointments of committee on credentials.

Address "The state of the church," by chairman.

Report of committee on credentials.
Appointment of committee on committees.
Adjournment.

SECOND SESSION. THURSDAY 7:30, P. M.

Praise service, led by Y. C. Robinson.
Report of committee on committees.
Sermon by Geo. T. Ronk.
Announcements.
Adjournment.

THIRD SESSION. FRIDAY 9:30, A. M.

Devotional exercises, Jacob Shank.
Reading minutes of last sessions.
Report of Camp Meeting Boards
Report of Mission Board.
Report on Scattered Membership work.
Report of delegates on work at home.
Report from preachers "What I have done."
Report of trustees.
Paper, "How can our conference help our scattered members now?" Thos. Gibson.
General discussion of paper.
Adjournment.

FOURTH SESSION. FRIDAY 1:30, P. M.

Devotional services, D. W. Ronk.
Reading minutes of previous session.
Report of committee on general church work.
Report of camp meeting committee.
Report of committee on Sunday-school work.
Report of S. S. C. E. work, Lizzie Wolf.
Paper, "The church and the temperance cause", Lois Shank.
General discussion.
Adjournment.

FIFTH SESSION. FRIDAY 7:30, P. M.

Praise service led by Wesley Winner.
Report of committee on queries.
Sermon by Albert P. Reed.
Announcement.
Adjournment.

SIXTH SESSION. SATURDAY 9:30, A. M.

Devotional exercises, Geo. W. Powell.
Reading minutes of previous sessions.
Report of conference treasurer.
Paper, "Christian possibilities", Eld. John Nichalson.
Paper, "Christian giving", T. C. Robinson.
Paper, "Young Christians", Miss Ada Gardwell.
Discussion of papers
Reading of letters to conference.
Report of committee on queries.
Report of committee on resolutions.
Locating next conference.
Miscellaneous business.
Collection.
Adjournment.

Ex. Committee; Martin Shively, Jacob Shank and H. E. Wolfe.

Communion Notice

The First Brethren church of Pittsburg, Pa., will hold their Quarterly communion on the evening of March 29. All of like faith are cordially invited.

ROGER E. DARLING.